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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-11 presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP2003/008757, and add new claims 12-25 as shown in the listing of claims.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (new): An electrical switching device having at least one pole, the electrical switching device comprising:

 a housing including an insulating material; and
 an incoming terminal contact and an outgoing terminal contact associated with a first pole, each of the terminal contacts including a respective first connection device configured for connection of a respective first external electrical conductor, at least one of the terminal contacts including a respective second connection device configured for pluggable connection of a respective second electrical conductor.

Claim 13 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein:

 each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective first connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

 the respective second connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective first connection device.

Claim 14 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein:

each of the terminal contacts includes a respective contact carrier, a respective connecting point for housing-internal contacting being disposed at a first end of the respective contact carrier, the respective second connection device being disposed at a second end of the respective contact carrier; and

the respective first connection device is disposed between the respective connecting point and the respective second connection device.

Claim 15 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 13 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 16 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 14 wherein the respective connecting point includes at least one of a fixed contact of a switching contact and a connecting point for wiring.

Claim 17 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective first connection device includes at least one of a screw clamp terminal, a spring clamp terminal, and an insulation-piercing terminal.

Claim 18 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective second connection device is configured to at least one of frictionally and positively receive a respective connection element.

Claim 19 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective second connection device includes at least one of a receiving hole and a lateral cutout configured to receive a respective male contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor.

Claim 20 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 19 wherein the respective second connection device includes the receiving hole, the receiving hole having a contact tab section extending upward or downward at an edge portion thereof.

Claim 21 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the respective second connection includes a respective male contact configured to be received by a respective female contact connected to the respective second electrical conductor.

Claim 22 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 21 wherein the respective male contact extends toward a front side of the housing.

Claim 23 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 21 wherein the respective second connection device is centrally disposed relative to the respective first connection device, the respective first connection device being configured to receive the respective first external electrical conductor extending on first and second sides of the respective male contact.

Claim 24 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 wherein the housing includes an access area configured to provide access to the respective second connection device, the access area being outlined by predetermined breaking points.

Claim 25 (new): The electrical switching device as recited in claim 12 further comprising a second incoming terminal contact and a second outgoing terminal contact associated with a second pole, each of the second terminal contacts including a respective third connection device configured for connection of a respective third external electrical conductor, at least one of the second terminal contacts including a respective fourth connection device configured for pluggable connection of a respective fourth electrical conductor.